

## EMBRACE THE COLD

## VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AT AN OUTDOOR ICE RINK



**P**arks and Recreation is looking for a few good volunteer outdoor ice rink attendants to help at neighborhood warming houses available to the community.

Responsibilities include opening and closing park shelter buildings, supervising rink activities and interacting with skaters. Rinks are typically open mid-December through mid-February, depending on weather conditions. The application deadline is **Friday, November 4**. Training takes place in November for qualified volunteers.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS: VOLUNTEER PARKS.**

## GET OUT AND ACTIVE

## TRICK-OR-TREAT?

## GET IN THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT AT ANNUAL BASH

**B**loomington's Annual Citywide Halloween Party takes place **Monday, October 31, 6 - 8 p.m.**, at Northwestern Health Sciences University, West 84th Street and Penn Avenue South. Preschoolers through fourth graders, accompanied by an adult, are invited. Activities include "Trick or Treat Alley," games, prizes and much more. Admission is free. Donations of nonperishable food items to the VEAP Food Shelf are greatly appreciated.

**WEBSITE KEYWORD: HALLOWEEN.**

A TUMBLING GOOD TIME  
L'IL FLIPS WITH L'IL FLIPSTERS

**L**'il Flipsters Gymnastics is back again for children ages 30 months to kindergarten. This mobile gymnastics organization provides gymnastics training and motor skill development in a safe and fun environment. New sessions begin every month. Classes are held at Bloomington Ice Garden, 3600 West 98th Street, Tuesday and Friday mornings and afternoons. Cost is \$30 per three-week session and \$40 for a four-week session.

**WEBSITE KEYWORD: FLIPSTERS.**

PICKLEBALLERS REJOICE  
TENNIS-BADMINTON HYBRID GAINS FOLLOWING AND COURTS

**A** group of 250 pickleball enthusiasts held a grand opening ceremony at the recently completed pickleball courts at Westwood Park, 3490 West 109th Street.

To accommodate a growing community of pickleball players, the tennis courts at the park were recently updated to include four pickleball courts. One tennis court at the park was converted into three pickleball courts, while another was changed to include striping for a pickleball court within the existing court boundaries.

Westwood Courts are the City's first permanent pickleball facility. The City has been striping other courts for both tennis and pickleball at an additional cost of \$500 per court. As City tennis courts are renovated, pickleball striping will be considered.

Pickleball is a sport similar to tennis where players use a hard paddle and smaller court. Pickleball isn't only for adults. The courts' close proximity to Westwood Elementary School makes them ideal for school groups to use.

## CENTER FOR THE ARTS

**L**ocated in Bloomington Civic Plaza at the corner of West 98th Street and Old Shakopee Road, the Center for the Arts is a first-class facility housing six arts organizations. For facility information, call 952-563-8889. For exhibit information and events, visit [www.bloomingtonartcenter.com](http://www.bloomingtonartcenter.com) and click on "Exhibitions," or call 952-563-8575.

## GALLERY HOURS

**Hours:** **M - F** 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
**Sa** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Su** 1 - 10 p.m.

For all theater tickets, call the Box Office at 952-563-8575.

**WEBSITE KEYWORDS:**  
**CENTER FOR THE ARTS.**



## INEZ GREENBERG GALLERY

## JURIED ART EXHIBITION

Bloomington Art Center's *Annual Members' Juried Art Exhibition*, featuring the works of members, runs **October 27 - December 2**. Opening reception and awards ceremony is October 27, 6 - 8 p.m.

## GIFTS IN THE GALLERY

The annual holiday sale, featuring works by local artists, runs **December 7 - 21**. A festive reception is scheduled for December 7, 6 - 8 p.m.

GET  
CREATIVE  
BTAC FALL  
CLASSES

Bloomington Theatre and Art Center (BTAC) offers visual art classes and workshops in painting, drawing, clay, photography and more for adults, in addition to theater classes for children. For a catalog of fall classes, call 952-563-8575 or visit [www.bloomingtonartcenter.com](http://www.bloomingtonartcenter.com).

## ATRIUM GALLERY

## INSTRUCTOR, STUDENT ART SHOW



*Landscape* by student Susanna Henry.

The Instructor, Student Art Show runs **November 17 - January 13**. Artists' reception is November 17, 6 - 8 p.m.

## SCHNEIDER THEATER

## SWEET CHARITY

Bloomington Civic Theatre presents the classic Neil Simon comedy, *Sweet Charity*, **October 21 - November 19**. Tickets are \$28. Student and senior discounts are available. For more information, visit [www.bloomingtoncivictheatre.org](http://www.bloomingtoncivictheatre.org).

## SPECIAL EVENTS

## BLOOMINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Bloomington Symphony Orchestra presents *Optimism and Despair*, conducted by Nobuyoshi Yasuda and featuring violinist Rebecca Corruccini, **Sunday, November 13, 3 p.m.**, at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 9201 Normandale Boulevard.

## BLOOMINGTON ARMORY ANTIQUES SHOW AND SALE



The 23rd annual Bloomington Armory Antiques Show and Sale to benefit the arts will be held **Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30**, at 3300 West 98th Street. Hosted by the Continental Ballet Company, the event will feature a variety of merchandise. Admission is \$4.50. Food will be available for purchase. For more information, call 952-563-8562.

LET'S PLAY BALL!  
VISITORS TO RED HADDOX FIELD GREETED BY NEW MURAL

**V**isitors to the Toro Grandstand at Red Haddox Field, 9000 Portland Avenue South, will be greeted by a new mural created by the City's Communications staff.

Depicting a team and fans enjoying a game, the mural was made possible by a generous donation from the Toro Company.

The mural installation also marks the completion of improvements at the field, which underwent a major renovation in 2010 that included a new grandstand with 500 seats, press box, dugouts, backstop and a 40-foot net to catch stray balls.

BORN AGAIN JOCKS  
IT'S INDOOR VOLLEYBALL TIME!

**T**he Born Again Jocks volleyball league welcomes men, 55 years and older, of all skill levels, to enjoy volleyball at Jefferson High School, 4001 West 102nd Street.

For more information, contact Don Wilkie at 952-884-2146 or Don Wagoner at [doje65@netzero.net](mailto:doje65@netzero.net).